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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/612,783
Filed: July 2, 2003
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
with Plants and Their Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement
Applicants: Thomas J. LA ROSA *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.288

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136; and
2. an Appeal Brief Under 37 C.F.R. §41.37.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.288:

\$ <u>130.00</u>	one month extension of time fee
\$ <u>540.00</u>	appeal brief fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above (\$670.00), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.288.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure